

REMARKS

Rejection of claims 26-41 under 35 U.S.C. §101

The Examiner rejected claims 26-41 under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 26, 30, 31 and 39 have been amended herein to recited a computer-readable program product in the preamble, and to recite computer-readable signal bearing media. These amendments clearly make claims 26-41 statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §101.

Rejection of claims 1, 5-7, 13, 17-19, 25-28 and 32-34 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 5-7, 13, 17-19, 25-28 and 32-34 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Bak and Bracha. Claims 1, 13 and 26 have been amended herein to incorporate the limitations of claims 2, 14 and 29, respectively. In addition, claims 25 has been amended to incorporate the limitations in claim 14. As a result, each of claims 1, 13, 25 and 26 are allowable over the combination of Bak and Bracha. The remaining claims, namely claims 5-7, 17-19, 27, 28, and 32-34 all depend upon an independent claim that is allowable for the reasons given above. As a result, claims 5-7, 17-19, 27, 28, and 32-34 are also allowable as depending upon allowable independent claims.

New claims 42-45

New claims 42-45 are added herein to more specifically recite different types of signal bearing media. Claims 42 and 43 depend on claim 30, and claims 44 and 45 depend on claim 31. Claims 30 and 31 are allowable, so claims 42-45 are allowable as depending upon allowable independent claims.


Allowed Claims

The Examiner allowed claims 3, 4, 12, 15, 16 and 24. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of these claims.

Conclusion

In summary, none of the cited prior art, either alone or in combination, teach, support, or suggest the unique combination of features in applicant's claims presently on file. Therefore, applicant respectfully asserts that all of applicant's claims are allowable. Such allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if this would in any way advance the prosecution of this case.

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